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Applicant: Roy A. Gravel et al.

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Title: HUMAN METHIONINE SYNTHASE REDUCTASE: CLONING, AND METHODS FOR EVALUATING RISK OF NEURAL TUBE DEFECTS, CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE, CANCER, AND DOWN'S SYNDROME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In reply to the Examiner's Action that was mailed in the above-captioned case on August 9, 2000, applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

- Sub B'* → 1. (Amended) A method of treating or preventing cancer, cardiovascular disease,